Grants-in-Aid for Health Institutions

*293. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the various Grants-in-Aid schemes available for disbursement to various Institutions, both private and charitable;

(b) what are the guidelines for sanction of funds under these schemes;

(c) what is the total allocation of funds during each year;

(d) what is total funds sanctioned to Tamil Nadu under these schemes; and

(e) how many such proposals are pending clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Schemes under which the Government is supporting Voluntary Organisations/Non-Governmental Organisations in respect of health care activities are as under:

1. Scheme for Improvement of Medical Services.
2. Special Health Scheme for Rural Areas.
3. N.G.O. Schemes under Reproductive Child Health Programme and Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative Scheme.
4. Financial assistance to voluntary organisation under various disease control programmes for prevention and control of communicable & non-communicable diseases (HIV/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, Tuberculoses, Leprosy, Malaria, Blindness, Polio & Cancer).
5. Financial assistance provided to University Deptt., Medical and Research Institutions both in the public and private sectors for undertaking research work in the Indian Systems of Medicine. There are also schemes for Non-Govt. Organisations for information, education and communications activities.

(b) In the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, there are guidelines under various national health programmes and other

schemes for funding of NGOs. While there are programme specific requirements, the general eligibility conditions are as follows:

- The NGO must be registered under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 or similar statute;
- It should have been engaged for the last three years (after registration) in the activity for which financial assistance has been sought;
- The application of funding should be routed through the concerned State Govt./UT Administration.
- There are at times also conditions about availability of technical staff and related infrastructure.

(c) The allocation of funds for Voluntary organisations/NGOs made in the last three years is as per the table given below:

Rs. in lacs

1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
3193.61	5912.22	10194.23

(d) Total funds sanctioned to Voluntary Organisations in Tamil Nadu in the last three years cumulatively are to the tune of Rs. 1243.97 lacs.

(e) 229 proposals submitted by Voluntary Organisations/NGOs from all over the country are pending at present.

Insufficient Rakes in Calcutta Metro Rail

*294. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "Atankes Patal Yatra" which appeared in Ananda Bazar Patrika dated 12th October, 1999, regarding Calcutta Metro Rail;

(b) if so, Government's reaction with regard to the reported comment of the Chief Operations Manager that there had been insufficient number of rakes during the last eight-nine months;